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AT MIDNIGHT LOCAL TIME I PRESENTED TO PRIMIN ADOULA SUMMARY OF AS MUCH OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AS HAD BEEN RECEIVED (SECTION 1) DOWN THROUGH "USSR AND US... HAVE DEPLOYED STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITH GREAT CARE, NEVER UPSETTING PRECARIOUS STATUS, ETC."

I ALSO MADE TO HIM THE EIGHT POINTS IN REFTEL.

ADOULA SHOWED IMMEDIATE GRASP OF GRAVITY OF SITUATION AND WORLD WIDE POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS, BUT VOLUNTEERED SOME DOUBT THAT HIS CONGOLESE COLLEAGUES WOULD PERCEIVE ALL SAME FACTORS.

ADOULA COMMISSIONED ME TO TELL PRESIDENT HIS PRELIMINARY REACTIONS: HE SAW IN SOVIET ACTION TYPICAL SALAMI TACTICS (HE CALLED IT SNAKE-SWALLOW-SNAKE); RECOGNIZED THAT HALT HAD TO BE CALLED; HIS GOVT WAS OPPOSED TO ANY ACT OF AGGRESSION OR PREPARATION OF AGGRESSION, WHICH BY INFERENCE INCLUDED SOVIET ACTION IN CUBA.

ADOULA COMPARED US PROBLEM WITH CUBA, TO HIS, WITH KATANGA; SOVIET ROCKETS WERE BIGGER BUT FOREIGN POWERS HAD ALSO GIVEN ROCKETS (EMB NOTE: PROBABLY MERELY AIR-GROUND, OR ANTI-TANK) TO KATANGA.

HE ASKED THAT FULL TEXT OF MESSAGE AND EXPLANATION OF MODALITIES

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AND SCOPE OF "QUARANTINE" BE GIVEN HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TOMORROW. INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT THEN HAVE EITHER A STATEMENT OR PRIVATE PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT.

IT APPARENT ADOULA FULLY BACKS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. AT SAME TIME IF CUBA IS TO RESULT IN NUCLEAR WORLD WAR HE FEELS SOME PRUDENCE ABOUT RUSHING HIS STATEMENT. HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE HIS FINE, TSHOMBE, WOULD TRY TO GET ON BANDWAGON.

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